

¶105.4 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. EVERETT, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, July 28, 1995.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶105.5 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

1281. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

1282. A letter from the Administrator, Agency for International Development, transmitting the quarterly update report on development assistant program allocations as of March 31, 1995, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2413(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

1283. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting the administration's final environmental impact statement [FEIS] on the effects of the implementation of the expanded east coast plan over the State of New Jersey, pursuant to Public Law 101-508, section 9119(c) (104 Stat. 1388-369); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶105.6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1817. An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 1817) "An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. BYRD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

¶105.7 COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, by unanimous consent, the following committees and their subcommittees were granted permission to sit during the 5-minute rule today: the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, and the Committee on the Judiciary.

¶105.8 MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Commerce and the Committee on Na-

tional Security were discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 714) to establish the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

The following amendment in the nature of a substitute, recommended by the Committee on Agriculture was considered:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Illinois Land Conservation Act of 1995".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—CONVERSION OF JOLIET ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT TO MIDWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

Sec. 101. Principles of transfer.

Sec. 102. Transfer of management responsibilities and jurisdiction over Arsenal.

Sec. 103. Continuation of responsibility and liability of Secretary of the Army for environmental cleanup.

Sec. 104. Establishment and administration of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

Sec. 105. Special management requirements for Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

Sec. 106. Special disposal rules for certain Arsenal parcels intended for MNP.

TITLE II—OTHER REAL PROPERTY DISPOSALS INVOLVING JOLIET ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

Sec. 201. Disposal of certain real property at Arsenal for a national cemetery.

Sec. 202. Disposal of certain real property at Arsenal for a county landfill.

Sec. 203. Disposal of certain real property at Arsenal for economic development.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 301. Degree of environmental cleanup.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act:

(1) The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) The term "agricultural purposes" means the use of land for row crops, pasture, hay, and grazing.

(3) The term "Arsenal" means the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant located in the State of Illinois.

(4) The acronym "CERCLA" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

(5) The term "Defense Environmental Restoration Program" means the program of environmental restoration for defense installations established by the Secretary of Defense under section 2701 of title 10, United States Code.

(6) The term "environmental law" means all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and requirements related to protection of human health, natural and cultural resources, or the environment, including CERCLA, the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), the

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.), the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), and the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.).

(7) The term "hazardous substance" has the meaning given such term by section 101(14) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(14)).

(8) The abbreviation "MNP" means the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie established pursuant to section 104 and managed as a part of the National Forest System.

(9) The term "national cemetery" means a cemetery established and operated as part of the National Cemetery System of the Department of Veterans Affairs and subject to the provisions of chapter 24 of title 38, United States Code.

(10) The term "person" has the meaning given such term by section 101(21) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(21)).

(11) The term "pollutant or contaminant" has the meaning given such term by section 101(33) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(33)).

(12) The term "release" has the meaning given such term by section 101(22) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(22)).

(13) The term "response action" has the meaning given the term "response" by section 101(25) of CERCLA (42 U.S.C. 9601(25)).

TITLE I—CONVERSION OF JOLIET ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT TO MIDWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE**SEC. 101. PRINCIPLES OF TRANSFER.**

(a) LAND USE PLAN.—The Congress ratifies in principle the proposals generally identified by the land use plan which was developed by the Joliet Arsenal Citizen Planning Commission and unanimously approved on May 30, 1995.

(b) TRANSFER WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT.—The area constituting the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie shall be transferred, without reimbursement, to the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) MANAGEMENT OF MNP.—Management by the Secretary of Agriculture of those portions of the Arsenal transferred to the Secretary under this Act shall be in accordance with sections 104 and 105 regarding the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

(d) SECURITY MEASURES.—The Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture shall each provide and maintain physical and other security measures on such portion of the Arsenal as is under the administrative jurisdiction of such Secretary. Such security measures (which may include fences and natural barriers) shall include measures to prevent members of the public from gaining unauthorized access to such portions of the Arsenal as are under the administrative jurisdiction of such Secretary and that may endanger health or safety.

(e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator are individually and collectively authorized to enter into cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding among each other and with other affected Federal agencies, State and local governments, private organizations, and corporations to carry out the purposes for which the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is established.

(f) INTERIM ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—Prior to transfer and subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe, the Secretary of Agriculture may enter upon the Arsenal property for purposes related to planning, resource inventory, fish and wildlife habitat manipulation (which may include prescribed burning), and other such activities consistent with the purposes for which the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is established.